

God's Enabling Power

Text: Colossians 1:11

Christians need not solely depend on their own strength. God's omnipotent power is available to them. He can enable them...

I. To Be Patient

unto all patience (Col. 1:11).

A. Many Christians lack patience. They want things to happen in their own appointed time and way. They fail to be the blessing they should be.

B. We must wait on the Lord, accept His timing and mode of answering our prayers. His timing and methods are always right.

C. We should be patient with ourselves and others too. The scriptures admonish, "in your patience possess ye your souls" (Luke 21:19).

II. To Be Persevering

..... and longsuffering (Col. 1:11).

A. Many Christians give up too quickly. When the going gets rough, they throw up their hands in despair. They fail to keep on keeping on.

B. Persevere means: "to persist in a state, enterprise, or undertaking in spite of counter influences, opposition, or discouragement" - Webster.

C. God has a purpose in what He allows us to endure. He promised, "After that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you" (I Peter 5:10).

III. To Give Praise

with joyfulness" (Col. 1:11).

A. Many Christians do not rejoice in the Lord sufficiently. They wear sad expressions and possess a negative attitude.

B. Paul admonished Christians to "rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice" (Phil. 4:4).

C. Praising brings rejoicing. The psalmist said, "From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised" (Ps. 113:3). Let us praise Him joyfully.